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(54) **SHELL JOINT WITH AN ADJUSTABLE GAS EJECTION SLOT**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A water tight shell joint for a super cavitating underwater vehicle is described. The shell joint includes a female member defining a first part of at least one slot for ejecting gas, a male member defining a second part of the at least one gas ejection slot, and at least one shim for adjusting the width of the at least one slot to obtain a volume of ejected gas sufficient to obtain a uniform cavity about the vehicle.

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